



Dorset-WI NEWS

Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes

DFWI ANNUAL MEETING THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2022 AT THE LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE, POOLE

TICKETS (£13) AVAILABLE NOW FROM THE FEDERATION SECRETARY

Coaches will be available for WI members leaving from
Bridport, Sutton Poyntz, Weymouth and Dorchester.

(Coach Tickets £13)



*Our morning speaker - Phil Holt has spent 30 years in
Air Traffic Control*

*In the afternoon we have Pip Stewart who took on a
world-first challenge: following Guyana's Essequibo
River from source to sea.*

There will also be an Artisan area with items to buy.



Annual Meeting Challenge



We are 'challenging' WIs to knit or crochet 6 inch squares (Double Knitting Wool, No 4 Needles and 35 stitches) and bring them to the Annual Meeting. They will be collected and made into blankets for Ukrainian Refugees either here at home or in the Ukraine. (WIs may make the squares and make them into blankets before the meeting if they wish). How many blankets can we make?



Dorset WIs CELEBRATE THE PLATINUM JUBILEE

(SEE PHOTOGRAPHS ON PAGES 7 AND 8)

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Please send in news by post to **The Editor, Dorset WI News, DFWI, 18 Crown Street West, Poundbury DT1 3DW**, or by Email to me at: newseditor@dorsetwi.org

Photographs of events for the news are most welcome. You may send them by post to DFWI as above with a correctly-stamped SAE if you want them returned, or by Email attachment (as "jpgs") to the Email address above. *Please make sure you include your name, WI and details of where the scene/event is and the month it was taken.*

FROM THE EDITOR OF THE DORSET NEWS

Being Editor of the News can be a bit frustrating at times as there never seems to be enough room to put in all the wonderful articles and pictures you send to us. It is so nice to receive emails from the WIs especially those whom we do not hear from very often. The range of topics for the speakers that you have and the creative ideas and activities that you all come up with is amazing and it is great to share them through the Dorset News.

I hope that many of you will come to the Annual Meeting as it's nice to put faces to names and there will be the opportunity to pick up back issues of the Dorset News and perhaps read what you have missed. There will also be the opportunity to view the slide show created by our wonderful communications team of what the WIs in Dorset have been up to over the last year. We would love more members to receive the Dorset News so if you like what you have read **SPREAD THE WORD** so WI members do not miss out on the exciting things happening within the Dorset Federation of WIs.

Many thanks to all our readers.



Isabell van Millingen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Thursday 14 July - BISCORNU WORKSHOP at County House

Tuesday 19 July - KEYNESTON MILL VISIT

Monday 25/Sunday 31 July - CROQUET at Winterborne Stickland

Friday 29 - Sunday 31 July - CAMP BESTIVAL

Wednesday 3 August - BIG CANOE TRIP - Studland

Thursday 1 - Monday 5 September - FLORIADE HOLIDAY

Monday 5 September - MACRAME WORKSHOP at County House

Tuesday 4 October - 8 November WILLOW WEAVING at Wool

Wednesday 5 October - 18 November MEMOIR WRITING at County House

Friday 14 October - QUIZ FINAL at Moreton Village Hall

Thursday 27 October - DFWI ANNUAL MEETING - Poole

Saturday 5 November - STONE CARVING at Swanage

Saturday 12 November - CHRISTMAS CRAFTS at Carey Hall

Wednesday 30 November - CHRISTMAS IRIS CARDS at County House

All booking forms and details of events can be obtained from Diane our Federation Secretary, email: federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org

MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT TEAM

Chairman: Yvonne Marsh
Vice Chair: Liz Smith

WELCOME TO ALL NEW OFFICERS.

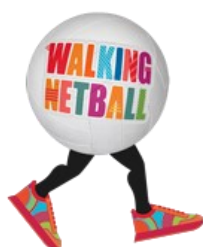
Some of you may have been given old paperwork such as minute books and record books. **DO NOT THROW THESE AWAY!** They are historic documents of use to future researchers. If you have no space to store them at home you can open an account for your WI at the History Centre in Dorchester where they will store your archive safely. Please do not bring them to County Office as we only deal with the archives of suspended WIs.

Before you take your archive to the History Centre ensure that they are labelled and dated. They do not want invoices and receipts which can be thrown away after seven years. They do want scrap books but please label photos so that members can be identified. It can be exciting for historians to see photos of family members. Do discuss your plans with your members and perhaps have an exhibition of the archives before you take them to the History Centre as members may find it interesting.

Contact the Dorset History Centre website Home Page and go to 'Get Involved' box, follow links to 'Deposit Documents' to make an appointment.



Gill Samways Assistant Archivist.



SANDFORD AND WAREHAM WI

Just before Christmas, Sandford and Wareham WI together with Stoborough WI held some taster walking netball sessions. Following the success of these sessions, they started regular weekly sessions in January. These are held in a local hall which has a reduced size netball court marked on its floor. Chairs were used as goals initially. However, it was soon decided that goalposts would be even better. With the help of Sarah Clark from Netball England, Sandford and Wareham applied for a Sports England "Lottery Funded Return to Play Small Grant Award" to cover the cost of the posts. A month later, we were notified that we had been successful with our application and have now purchased the posts. We are enjoying our netball sessions and have been really pleased with the difference the posts make to the game. They are easily portable and the hall are happy for us to store them there.



Members of Sandford and Wareham's Walking Netball Group,

Rosemary Hargrave.



DORSET FEDERATION QUIZ

Questions are now available from County Office for this year's quiz. **Price £7.00 per WI.** Entries to be returned by **19 August.** The final will be held at **Moreton Village Hall** on the **14 October.**

Please contact Diane our Federation Secretary to obtain a Quiz Pack.



ORDER YOUR DIARY NOW Orders are now being taken for the WI Diary. The diary's price is **£7.** See your WI secretary to order or contact Diane, our Federation Secretary, email:- federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org



THE EVENTS TEAM

Chairman: Margaret Bunch

Vice Chair: Elaine Knight

Summer Fun with DFWI

Big Canoe Trip

Your Events Committee are organising a great canoe trip in the **Poole Harbour** area on **WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST** from 10am—1pm (an alternative date of **THURSDAY 18 AUGUST** if the weather is bad). We may go towards **Brownsea Island** or **Arne** depending on wind direction on the day. There will be a maximum of twelve people in each canoe. Casual, comfortable clothes and flat shoes are to be worn and **life jackets will be supplied**. Meeting place is yet to be confirmed. Bring a packed lunch if you fancy. This sounds like it will be good fun and adventurous.

The cost of this will be **£35.00** per person. A booking form can be downloaded from DFWI website or from the Federation Secretary. **To register interest and make payment on or by 31 May email federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org. Spaces may be available after this date so please phone the office if you are interested.**

More information will be available nearer the date. In the meantime if you have any questions I am happy to be contacted Tel 07890 450 337 or email jo.bowleaze@gmail.com.

Jo Skinner



Come and join us at the DFWI Golf Croquet Tournament



Our **Annual Golf Croquet Tournament** will take place on **SUNDAY 31 JULY** 10 am - 4 pm, practice session is on **MONDAY 25 JULY** 5 pm - 8 pm. Cost will be **£10** - bring a picnic lunch on Sunday.

Contact Tess Burt for details:
tessculeaze@aol.com

BISCORNU WORKSHOP



(A *biscornu* is a small, octagonal, stuffed pincushion.)

Join us at County House on **THURSDAY 14 JULY** and learn the craft of **BISCORNU**. Cost of this will be **£18 per person**. Bring basic scissors and needles kit, all other material will be provided). It will run from **10.00 am - 3.00 pm**

Bring your own lunch Tea/coffee will be provided.

MACRAME WORKSHOP by Barbara Beaves



Join us at County House on **Monday 5 September** and enjoy making a Macrame Pot Holder. The cost of this will be **£10 per person** and all material will be provided. There is a limit on numbers of only **6** people. It will run in the morning from **10.00 am - 12.30 pm**

Teas/coffee will be provided.

Join us at Keyneston Mill the creative home of Parterre Fragrances.

Your Events Committee has arranged a guided tour of the gardens and afternoon tea on **TUESDAY 19 JULY** at Keyneston Mill, near Blandford Forum. The cost of this will be **£35.00 per person** and will include entry to the gardens, a guided tour and afternoon tea.

Dedicated to perfume and scented plants, Keyneston Mill is the experimental home of Parterre Fragrances – a botanic garden and 50-acre working estate, where the key ingredients for our perfumes are grown, harvested and distilled.

For more details you can visit their website: -
<https://keynestonmill.com/>.



To book a place on any of these events please contact Diane our Federation Secretary, email:- federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org OR GO TO DFWI website to download a booking form (<https://dorset.thewi.org.uk/booking-forms>).

THE EVENTS TEAM



Camp Bestival 28 July – 31 August 2022 at Lulworth Castle.

Our tea tent at Camp Bestival is by far and away our biggest fundraiser, which the committee really look forward to because it is so much fun.

You can support us by baking cakes – the most popular are coffee and walnut, chocolate cake and Victoria sponges, but we, nor our customers, would ever turn down your favoured recipe! We will happily accept unfilled or un-iced sponge cakes too, as they can be decorated in the marquee. We do however need a list of ingredients for each cake please. This year we will pay **£3** for each family sized cake or batch of cupcakes.

The following committee members will be pleased to accept your cakes to save you taking them to Dorchester:

In the North of the County, Margaret Shakell
hugh-margaret76@hotmail.co.uk

In the East, Yvonne Marsh
yvonnemarsh1610@btinternet.com

In the South, Annie Whitehouse
anniewhitehouse1@btinternet.com

And in the West
janeannedoughty@hotmail.com

Or please contact DFWI, and deliver your cakes to go in their freezer.

Thank you so much,

Elaine Knight

Dorset Federation serving tea and homemade cakes for more than 200 people following the service of Thanksgiving for the Platinum Jubilee in Sherborne Abbey at the invitation of the Lord Lieutenant of Dorset.



MEMOIR WRITING COURSE

Six Weeks, 10.00 am to 12noon

Wednesdays, 5 October to
16 November, 2022

(No class on October 26 due to half term)

County House, 18 Crown Street West,
Poundbury DT1 3DW

Have your children and/or grandchildren been asking you what your life was like before they came along? It needn't have been exciting – or perhaps it was! It would almost certainly have been different from the life they know and live now. Wouldn't it be fun for them to get to know you better? You don't need to be a skilful writer. It's you they are wanting to know more about – warts and all!

Why not come along to six group sessions taught by a published author who will guide you through how to put together your life story. Just bring along a pen/pencil and note pad.

Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be available

Closing date 16 September

Cost per person:£60.00

**To book a place please contact Diane our Federation Secretary, email:-
federationsecretary@dorsetwi.org**

BASKET WEAVING

Come and learn basket weaving with Mark Vivyan-Penney, at the **D'Urville Hall in Wool**.

The course comprises **six weekly** classes, during which you will make **two**, and maybe **three** baskets.

All equipment and materials will be provided, along of course with an experienced teacher, making this course excellent value for money.

The charge is to be **£110 for all six classes**, and they are scheduled to start on **Tuesday 4th October** through till **8th November** from **1pm - 3pm**.



It will be a small class, so contact Diane at DFWI to book your place.

Elaine Knight

OVERCOMBE WI

We celebrated our 40+1 party in May 2022. This was our Ruby celebration a year late due to covid restrictions.

President Jackie welcomed President Sue and Secretary Susie from neighbouring Sutton Poyntz WI and also three original founder members, who still belong to Overcombe. We were admirably entertained by Nina who sang and played her violin and we all enjoyed a scrumptious afternoon tea washed down with prosecco and the ever full teapot, even if it was held during the evening. The hall was



decorated with red and white bunting and members wore something red, the theme carried on to the tables.

Pat, one of our members, presented us with a framed list of the names of all presidents since our formation together with a framed list of every member since 1981. This will be a wonderful keepsake for us. The photographs show the

Jackie Greet (President)



Committee, Presidents Table with guests and one of Pat presenting the framed picture.



BEAMINSTER WI

On 14 May one of our WI ladies and her friend (who is now going to join us!) organised a table top sale to raise funds for Ukraine. They asked if the ladies of the WI would be prepared to organise and run the refreshments.



Although very happy to take this on, it did coincide with huge change, as we had just formed a committee with many of the ladies new to the WI.

It was my first event as President and, as you can imagine, I really hoped it would go well. WI ladies always come up trumps don't they? The cakes started to pour in - beautiful homemade cakes of all shapes, sizes and flavours. We set the cafe tables with blue and yellow cloths, tied the strings on our new bunting WI aprons and waited for the customers. We had decided to ask for donations for the tea and cake, every penny going to Ukraine. Very soon our kitchen team, serving team and clearing team were really busy. By 12.30 we were full of cake - we had to quality test didn't we - and very keen to empty and count the donations box. Amazingly we had taken £420.00. Team work triumphs

again and, by the way, the most popular cake was coffee and walnut.

Linden Boothby (President)



PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS FROM THE DORSET WIS



JOLLY JUBILEE JAR TOMBOLA STALL AT MARNHULL WI



GRAND TEA PARTY AT LILLIPUT WI



STOUR POWER WI POST BOX TOPPER

PLANT A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE AT SIXPENNY HANDLEY WI



CORGIS FOR THE STREET PARTY AT WITCHAMPTON WI



PLANT A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE AT WEYBAY WI



CELEBRATIONS AT NOT JUST WI - LYTCHETT MATRAVERS



GILLINGHAM WI ON PARADE



CHRISTRCHURCH CENTRAL WI PLATINUM JUBILEE PARTY



PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT ST CATHERINES HILL WI



WOOL WI BACK TO THE 1950'S WITH SHIPHAMS PASTE AND BLANCMANGE



MARTINSTOWN WI HELD A PLATINUM JUBILEE PUDDING BAKE OFF



FROM FLOWER ARRANGING TO A DAY AT THE RACES FOR CHIDEOCK WIs PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



WEST LULWORTH WI CELEBRATE THE PLATINUM JUBILEE

Coming soon a digital edition of the CELEBRATION of the PLATINUM JUBILEE by WIs in DORSET containing all reports and photographs sent to the Dorset News.